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LETTER DATED 24 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CONFERENCE ADDRESSED TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY OF THE WHITE HOUSE ON 17 AUGUST 1995 CONCERNING THE NUCLEAR TEST CONDUCTED BY CHINA ON THAT DAY

Attached is a copy of a Statement by the Press Secretary of the White House made on 17 August 1995, concerning the nuclear test conducted by China on that day.

I would be grateful if you would issue this document as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and distribute it to all member States and non-member participants in the work of the CD.

(Signed): Stephen J. Ledogar
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY, 17 AUGUST 1995

Today China conducted an underground nuclear test at the Lop Nur test site in north-west China. The United States deeply regrets this action. All of the Nuclear Weapon States agreed at the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NTP) Review and Extension Conference in New York in May 1995 to exercise "utmost restraint" in nuclear testing pending the entry into force of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). We urge China to refrain from further nuclear tests and join in a global moratorium as we work to complete a CTBT in 1996. We further urge China to endorse President Clinton's recent call for a true "zero yield" CTBT.